

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—154 per cent. premium, sellers.

China Insurance Company—£874 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 265 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—£74 per share, buyers.

Yungtze Insurance Association—Tls. 208 per share, sellers.

Chinese Insurance Company—£170 per share, sellers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—£325 per share, buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company—£74 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 31 per cent. premium, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—£201 per share, buyers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—60 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—£130 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—£160 per share, buyers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—£121 per cent. discount, sales.

Nouyong Steamship Company—£51 per share, China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—£148 per share, sellers.

London Sugar Refining Company, Limited—£59 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—£65 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—£80 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 A—2 per cent. premium.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—8 per cent. premium.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—10 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 E—12 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—£51 per share.

Pearl and Mingtung Smelting Company—£20 per share.

Yantai and Ningbo Dux Samantan Mining Co.—£11 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—55 per cent. premium, sales and sellers.

## EXCHANGE.

Bank of China, on demand ..... 3.00

Bank of China, at 10 days sight ..... 3.01

Bank of China, at 1 month sight ..... 3.02

Bank of China, at 3 months sight ..... 3.03

Bank of China, at 6 months sight ..... 3.04

Bank of China, at 9 months sight ..... 3.05

Bank of China, at 12 months sight ..... 3.06

Bank of China, on demand ..... 3.07

Bank of China, at 10 days sight ..... 3.08

Bank of China, at 1 month sight ..... 3.09

Bank of China, at 3 months sight ..... 3.10

Bank of China, at 6 months sight ..... 3.11

Bank of China, at 9 months sight ..... 3.12

Bank of China, at 12 months sight ..... 3.13

Bank of China, on demand ..... 3.14

Bank of China, at 10 days sight ..... 3.15

Bank of China, at 1 month sight ..... 3.16

Bank of China, at 3 months sight ..... 3.17

Bank of China, at 6 months sight ..... 3.18

Bank of China, at 9 months sight ..... 3.19

Bank of China, at 12 months sight ..... 3.20

## OPIUM MARKET—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA ..... per picul ..... \$550

(Allowance, Tals 16 to 48).

OLD MALWA ..... per picul ..... \$570 to \$580

(Allowance, Tals 16 to 32).

NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest ..... \$485

NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest ..... \$487

NEW PATNA (bottom) per chest ..... \$485

NEW PATNA (second choice) per chest ..... \$482

NEW BERNAR (without choice) per chest ..... \$477

NEW BERNAR (bottom) per chest ..... \$479

NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul ..... \$640

OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul ..... \$600

OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul ..... \$550 to \$575

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

23rd April, 1888.—At 4 p.m.

STATION	Baromet.	Therm.	Wind	Direction	Force	Weather	Remarks
Wanchow	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Tokio	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Nagasaki	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Shanghai	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Amoy	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Hankow	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Yokohama	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Manila	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	

24th April, 1888.—At 10 a.m.

STATION	Baromet.	Therm.	Wind	Direction	Force	Weather	Remarks
Wanchow	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Tokio	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Nagasaki	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Shanghai	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Amoy	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Hankow	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Yokohama	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Manila	29.85	71	SW	10	10	Cloudy	

The barometer has fallen in Tientsin and rises along the coast. Gradients are moderate for east-south-east winds. Cloudy, warm and damp weather prevails with some fog in the morning.

1.—Barometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2.—Temperature in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3.—Relative humidity in percentage of saturation.

4.—Direction of wind in points.

5.—Force of the wind according to Beaufort scale.

6.—State of the sky.

7.—Direction of surface current.

8.—Direction of bottom current.

9.—Direction of surface current.

10.—Direction of bottom current.

11.—Direction of surface current.

12.—Direction of bottom current.

13.—Direction of surface current.

14.—Direction of bottom current.

15.—Direction of surface current.

16.—Direction of bottom current.

17.—Direction of surface current.

18.—Direction of bottom current.

19.—Direction of surface current.

20.—Direction of bottom current.

## HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MASSIE, FALCONER &amp; CO'S REGISTER).

To-day.		
Baromet.—9 A.M.	.....	80 95
Baromet.—1 P.M.	.....	80 01
Baromet.—4 P.M.	.....	80 85
Thermomet.—9 A.M.	.....	80
Thermomet.—1 P.M.	.....	84
Thermomet.—4 P.M.	.....	84
Thermomet.—9 A.M. (Wet bulb)	.....	70
Thermomet.—1 P.M. (Wet bulb)	.....	77
Thermomet.—4 P.M. (Wet bulb)	.....	77
Thermomet.—Maximum	.....	85
Thermomet.—Minimum	.....	75

## MAILS EXPECTED.

**THE AMERICAN MAIL.**

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Sydney*, with the American mail of March 31st, left Yokohama on the 21st instant, and is due here on or about the 27th.

**THE FRENCH MAIL.**

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Diunah*, with the French mail of March 24th, left Saigon on the 23rd instant, and is due here on or about the 26th.

**THE CANADIAN MAIL.**

The Canadian Pacific Line steamer *Bellevue*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver on the 4th April, and is due here about the 3rd May.

**THE INDIAN MAIL.**

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Tatung*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 22nd instant, and is due here on the 28th.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Prance*, from London, left Singapore on the morning of the 20th instant, and is due here on the 26th.

The "Glen" Line steamer *Glenshiel*, from London, left Singapore on the 22nd instant, and is expected here on the 28th.

The China Shippers Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Ophack*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 23rd instant, and is expected here on or about the 29th.

## Shipping.

**ARRIVALS.**

PERO, German steamer, 754, T. N. Hansen, 23rd April—Newchwang, and Chefoo 17th April, Beans.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

ESPOIR, British gunboat, 2nd-class, 465 tons, 470 horse-power, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander R. V. Smith, 23rd April, from Canton.

OXUS, French steamer, 2,390, J. M. Guirand, 23rd April—Shanghai 21st April, Mails and General.—Messageries Maritimes.

VENETIA, British steamer, 1,609, Cole, 24th April—Shanghai 21st April, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

HAIPHONG, British steamer, 1,122, Harris, 24th April—Saigon 20th April, Paddy and Rice.—D. Lapraik & Co.

ACHILLES, British steamer, 1,528, C. Anderson, 24th April—Liverpool 10th March, and Singapore 18th April, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

RUSSIA, Russian steamer, 1,813, R. Stronsky, 24th April—Odessa 20th March, General.—M. Ghera & Co.

TRITON, German steamer, 1,142, Bleicken, 24th April—Saigon 20th April, Rice.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

TANJORE, British steamer, 1,402, F. Speck, 24th April—Bombay 7th April, and Singapore 18th April, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

## CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

*Melita*, German steamer, for Taku.

*Olympia*, German steamer, for Singapore.

*Phra Chula Chom Kiao*, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

*Adia*, Danish steamer, for Hoihow.

*Augusta*, German bark, for Bangkok.

*Thaler*, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

*Russia*, Russian steamer, for Nagasaki.

## DEPARTURES.

April 23, *Wanderer*, British sloop, for a cruise.

April 23, *Yungtze*, British str., for Whampoa.

April 23, *Delina*, German steamer, for Saigon.

April 23, *P. & O. French str.*, for Tientsin.

April 24, *Phra Chula Chom Kiao*, British str., for Swatow, &c.

April 24, *Thaler*, British str., for Swatow, &c.

April 24, *Melita*, German steamer, for Taku.

April 24, *Olympia*, German str., for Singapore.

## PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Oxus*, str., from Shanghai.—For Hongkong.—Mr. and Mrs. C. Janzen and infant, Mr. L. C. de Rosario, and 2 Chinese. From Yokohama.—Mr. Grillo and infant. From Shanghai.—For Saigon.—Mr. Leberre. For Alexandria.—Mrs. Delmarre and infant. From Kobe.—For Marsellus.—Messrs. Renard, Borgiotti, and Guerrieri.

Per *Venetia*, str., from Shanghai.—For Hongkong.—Mrs. Harman and native servant, Mr. E. Burne, and 5 Chinese. For Bombay.—Mr. R. S. Raphael.

Per *Fero*, str., from Newchwang, &c.—1 Chinese.

Per *Russia*, str., from Odessa.—35 Europeans.

Per *Achilles*, str., from Singapore, &c.—35 Chinese, 16 women, and 21 children.

Per *Triton*, str., from Saigon.—62 Chinese.

Per *Tanjore*, str., from Bombay.—For Hongkong.—Mr. F. B. Patel. From Singapore.—Messrs. J. E. Obadias and servant, Mr. Frederick, and 11 Chinese (deck). From Bombay.—For Shanghai.—Major Hammond. From Bombay.—For Yokohama.—Sergeant-General Dillon and Mr. Macleod Cameron. From Madras.—Rev. Father Black.

## DEPARTED.

Per *Melita*, str., for Taku.—1 Chinese.

Per *Olympia*, str., for Singapore.—12 Chinese.

Per *Phra Chula Chom Kiao*, str., for Swatow, &c.—1 European and 200 Chinese.

Per *Thaler*, str., for Swatow, &c.—300 Chinese.

## TO DEPART.

Per *Venetia*, str., from Hongkong.—For Singapore.—Mrs. Wong Shee. For London.—Mrs. Whittall, Mrs. Deacon, Captain G. F. Pinkey, and Private Green. From Shanghai.—For Saigon.—Mr. Leberre. For Alexandria.—Mrs. Delmarre and infant. From Kobe.—For Marsellus.—Messrs. Renard, Borgiotti, and Guerrieri. From Yokohama.—For London.—Captain L. C. de Rosario, Messrs. C. B. Richards, C. C. Knight, and Y. H. Wilson. From Kobe.—For Bombay.—Messrs. L. Sal, Johnston, Nisbett, Gilchrist, Jones, E. E. Weightman, W. Berry, and 51 Chinese (deck). From Nagasaki.—For Penang.—Mrs. Kozuki.

Per *Adia*, str., for Hoihow.—60 Chinese.

Per *Russia*, str., for Nagasaki.—6 Europeans (cabin), and 26 Europeans (deck).

## REPORTS.

The British steamer *Haiphong* reports that she left Saigon on the 20th instant. Experienced light variable winds from north to south-south-east with fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Adia* reports that she left Liverpool on the 10th ultimo; arrived at Port Said on the 25th; left Sues on the 27th; arrived at Singapore on the 16th instant, left again on the 18th, and arrived at Hongkong on the 24th. From Singapore experienced light winds and clear weather all the way.

## SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

## STEAMERS.

ACTIV, Danish steamer, 355, Revsbeck, 22nd April—Pakhoi 10th April, and Hoihow 21st, General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ASHINGTON, British steamer, 865, Reyssel, 21st April—Saigon 16th April, Rice.—Wielor & Co.

BORIMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,490, G. B. Daguino, 18th April—Bombay, and Singapore 11th April, General.—Carlowitz & Co.

CHANGSHA, British steamer, 1,454, J. E. Williams, 22nd April—Sydney 29th March, Brisbane 31st, Townsville 3rd April, Cooktown 5th, Thursday Island 8th, and Port Darwin 13th, Coals and General.—Butterfield & Swire.

CHINA, German steamer, 638, Ulterup, 17th April—Haiphong 10th April, General.—Melchers & Co.

CHINA, German steamer, 1,093, P. Hays, 23rd April—Saigon 19th April, General.—Wielor & Co.

CAUSAR, British steamer, 647, Ogston, 22nd April—Saigon 18th April, Rice.—Soy Shing.

DANUBE, British steamer, 161, H. W. Phillips, 22nd April—Haiphong 20th April, General.—A. R. Marly.

## HONGKONG—STEAMERS.

## Continued.

FAME, British steamer, 177, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

FIDELIO, German steamer, 852, H. Brock, 22nd April—Chefoo 16th April, Beans.—Wielor & Co.

FOKLEN, British steamer, 509, J. S. Koach, 19th April—Tamsui 15th April, Amoy 16th, and Swatow 18th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

FRISIA, British steamer, 2,082, Withycombe, 21st April—London, and Singapore 15th April, General.—Russell & Co.

INDEPENDENT, German steamer, 871, Hasenwinkel, 22nd April—Nagasaki 19th April, Coals.—Wielor & Co.

KILDARE, British steamer, 2,277, Johnson, 18th April—Saigon 14th April, Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.

KUMAMOTO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,237, J. W. Ekstrand, 23rd April—Kuchinozu 18th April, Coals.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

LOHARDY, British steamer, 1,570, C. F. Preston, 23rd April—Yokohama 14th April, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

PERKINS, German steamer, 1,541, U. Johansen, 20th April—Bangkok 14th April, Rice.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

WAITING, Chinese steamer, 393, Chang Shing, 17th April—Tamsui—Order.

ZAFIRO, British steamer, 675, R. M. Talbot, 22nd April—Manila 19th April, General.—Russell & Co.

## SAILING VESSELS.

AUGUSTE, German bark, 1,306, Schumacher, 31st March—Cardiff 7th November, Coals.—Order.

CENTINIAL, American ship, 1,222, J. M. Bearse, 27th Jan.—New York 18th Sept., Kerosene Oil.—Russell & Co.

COLUMBUS, German ship, 1,240, L. Haesloep, 11th April—Singapore 9th March, Timber.—Captain.

ERLKONIG, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination bulk, Stonecutters' Island.—Chinese Customs.

F. H. DREWS, German steamer, 624, A. H. Rothbart, 15th April—Bangkok 6th March, Rice.—Chinese.

H. PRINZENBERG, German bark, 550, H. Ahrens, 17th April—Honolulu 5th March, General.—Melchers & Co.

KITY, British bark, 803, Laud, 20th August—Manila 10th August, Sugar and Hemp.—Captain.

LADY HAREWOOD, British bark, 381, T. H. Williams, 19th April—Honolulu 11th March, General.—Master.

LOONGWAH, British 3-m. schooner, 74, S. A. Lord, 18th April—Gorontalo (Celebes), 8th March, Rattans and Ebony Wood.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

MOUNT LEBANON, American bark, 530, Chas. H. Nelson, 17th April—Rajang, Borneo 18th March, Timber.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

PACTOLUS, American ship, 1,145, H. D. Burnham, 20th April—Shanghai 11th April, Ballast.—Pustau & Co.

PENSHAW, British bark, 720, Geo. Parker, 31st March—Pitogo 23rd March, Timber.—Lane, Crawford & Co.

SANTA FILomena, Spanish steamer, 449, J. de Mendiguer, 24th Jan.—Iloilo 31st Dec., General.—Kwong Cheong Tai.

TITAN, American ship, 1,476, Allyn, 28th Jan.—New York 28th August, Kerosene Oil.—Russell & Co.

TETUAN, German bark, 438, Röper, 1st April—Singapore 29th January, Hardwood and Timber.—Chinese.

## RIVER STEAMERS.

Fatshan, British steamer, 2,260, W. E. Clarke, —Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

Hankow, British steamer, 2,235, Lloyd.—Butterfield & Swire.

Ho-nam, British steamer, 1,277, G. B. Lafavour—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

Kiu-kiang, British steamer, 617, S. W. Goggin—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

Klung-chow, British steamer, 159, E. Gaine, —Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

Pasig, Chinese steamer, 284, G. W. Wright—Tok Kee.

Kiang-ping, Chinese steamer, 360, Holmes—China Merchants S. N. Co.

Powan, British steamer, 1,800, J. P. Hoyland—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

White Cloud, British steamer, 527, W. J. Risby—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

## WHAMPOA.

FOOKANG, British steamer, 991, H. W. Hogg, 21st April—Shanghai 17th April, and Swatow 20th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FUBUNG, Chinese steamer, 1,504, Crow, 21st April—Shanghai 18th April, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

YANGTZE, British steamer, 814, Tonningsen, 22nd April—Shanghai 19th April, General.—Siemssen & Co.

## CANTON GUNBOAT SQUADRON.

Chen-jui, Revenue cruiser, 3 guns, Chinese, Canton.

Chen-to, Viceroy's gunboat, 7 guns, Chinese, Canton.

Ching-ling, Viceroy's gunboat, 4 guns, Chinese, Canton.

Chop-chung, Revenue cruiser, —Li Tack Ming, Canton.

Hai-chang-ching, Revenue cruiser, 3 guns, Wu Jui Chang, Canton.

Hai-chang-ching, Viceroy's gunboat, 3 guns, Ho Pung Shu, Canton.

Hua-shan, Viceroy's gunboat, 2 guns, Canton.

Kin-wai, Chinese gunboat, Canton.

Nin-chai, Chinese gunboat, Captain Sa Chung-ling, Hongkong.

Peng-chiao-hai, Revenue cruiser, 4 guns, Chow Shih, Hongkong.

Shen-chai, Revenue cruiser, 5 guns, San Tsung Tai, Captingmoo.

Sun-ke, Chinese gunboat, Captain Cheong Yow-shi, Canton.

Ting-pai, Viceroy's 6 guns, Chinese, Canton.

Yin-min, Viceroy's gunboat, 3 guns, J. Yeats, Canton.

## HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Alacrity, despatch-vessel, 1,400 tons, 3,180 h.p., 4 guns, Commander R. Blair Macdonochie, Hongkong.

Audacious, battle-ship (armoured), 2nd-class, 6,010 tons, 4,830 h.p., 18 guns, Captain J. B. Warren, Flag of Commander-in-Chief, Hongkong.

Cockchafer, gunboat, 2nd-class, 460 tons, 470 h.p., 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander H. H. Boteler, Shanghai.

Constance, cruiser, 3rd-class, 2,380 tons, 2,590 h.p., 14 guns, Captain L. C. Keppel, Hongkong.

Cordelia, cruiser, 3rd-class, 2,380 tons, 2,420 h.p., 10 guns, Captain H. H. Boys, Shanghai.

Eak, gunboat, 2nd-class, Coast Defence, 303 tons, 310 h.p., 3 guns, Gunner W. Weeks, Hongkong, in reserve.

Esport, gunboat, 2nd-class, 465 tons, 470 h.p., 4 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. R. Y. Smith, Hongkong.

Firebrand, gunboat, 2nd-class, 455 tons, 460 h.p., 4 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. J. Denison, Manila, re-commissioning.

Heroine, cruiser, 3rd-class, 1,420 tons, 1,130 h.p., 8 guns, Captain Charles J. Balfour, Hongkong.

Leander, cruiser, 2nd-class, 3,750 tons, 5,500 h.p., 10 guns, Captain M. J. Dunlop, Japan.

Linnet, gun-vessel, 2nd-class, 756 tons, 1,050 h.p., 5 guns, Commander W. H. Marrack, Hongkong.

Merlin, gunboat, 2nd-class, 430 tons, 430 h.p., 4 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. W. H. Maturin, Hongkong.

Mutine, sloop, 1,130 tons, 1,120 h.p., 10 guns, Commander J. H. Martin, Hongkong.

Rambler, surveying-vessel, 830 tons, 600 h.p., 3 guns, Commander W. A. Moore, Hongkong.

Rattler, gunboat, 1st-class, 670 tons, 1,200 h.p., 6 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. W. H. M. Douglall, Hongkong.

Sapphire, cruiser, 3rd-class, 1,970 tons, 2,360 h.p., 12 guns, Captain W. C. Karslake, Hongkong.

Satellite, cruiser, 3rd-class, 1,420 tons, 1,400 h.p., 8 guns, Captain T. P. W. Nesham, Hongkong.

Swift, gun-vessel, 2nd-class, 750 tons, 1,010 h.p., 5 guns, Commander A. C. B. Bromley, Hongkong, re-commissioning.

Tweed, gunboat, Coast Defence, 3rd-class, 363 tons, 340 h.p., 3 guns, Boatswain J. M. Shea, Hongkong, in reserve.

Victor-Emanuel, receiving-ship, 5,157 tons, 20 guns, Commodore W. H. Maxwell, A.D.C., Hongkong.

Wivern, Coast Defence ship (armoured), 2,750 tons, 1,450 h.p., 4 guns, Gunner D. W. Hawkins, Hongkong, in reserve.

Wanderer, sloop, 925 tons, 750 h.p., 4 guns, Commander G. A. Giffard, on a cruise, re-commissioning.

## FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA STATION.

Aragon, Spanish cruiser Captain D. E. Zulnaga, Manila.

Vladivostok, Russian gunboat, Commander Rupé, Nagasaki.

Aspic, French gunboat, Commander Rupé, Nagasaki.

Aurora, Austrian corvette, 4 guns, Captain Muller, Nagasaki.

Bismarck, German corvette, Captain Kuhn, Nagasaki.

Bobbe, Russian cruiser, 13 guns, Captain Menshikov, Nagasaki.

Brooklyn, American corvette, 14 guns, Captain Byron Wilson, Shanghai.

Carola, German corvette, Commander Ashmann, Amoy.

Comète, French man-of-war, 483, Commander Martel, Hoihow.

Chassant, French gunboat, Captain Le Gorre, Hoihow.

Dimity Donaskoy, Russian frigate, 20 guns, Captain N. Scrydloff, Nagasaki.

Essex, American corvette, Captain T. F. Jewell, Nagasaki.

Ilia, German gunboat, Lieutenant von Eriksdott, on a cruise.

Juanita, American man-of-war, Nagasaki.

Koreyetz, Russian corvette, 1,238, Captain Ostelsky, Japan.

Monocacy, American gunboat, 6 guns, 750 h.p. Commander Glass, Yokohama.

Morpe, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Wolzoff, Korea.

Nayadnik, Russian corvette, 9 guns, Captain Zarin, Nagasaki.

Nautilus, German gunboat, 4 guns, Captain von Hoven, on a cruise.

Omaha, American corvette, Captain T. O. Sel-fredge, 12 guns, Nagasaki.

Palos, American gunboat, 6 guns, 500 h.p., Lieut. Commander Nelson, Yokohama.

Parasol, French cruiser, Foret, Nagasaki.

Primaugue, French corvette, 2,400, Captain Veron, Shanghai.

Rio Lima, Portuguese gunboat, 539, Commander Santa Barbara, Macao.

Rynda, Russian corvette, Captain Avellan, Sevooch, Russian cruiser, Captain Youricoff, Vladivostok.

Sobol, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Boyle, Vladivostok.

Sophie, German corvette, Nagasaki.

Turonne, French frigate, Captain Dupuis, Nagasaki.

Veloz, Spanish corvette, Captain Friguera, Manila.

Vipere, French gunboat, Commander de Marolles, Shanghai.

Vitiaz, Russian corvette, 10 guns, Captain Makarov, Japan.

Wolf, German gunboat, Captain Jaskochke, on a cruise.

## Post Office.

**MAILS WILL CLOSE.**

For Singapore.—Per *Pumilus*, to-morrow, the 25th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, & Tamsui.—Per *Fokien*, to-morrow, the 25th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Zafiro*, to-morrow, the 25th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Crusader*, to-morrow, the 25th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Europe, &c., Australia, Madras, and Calcutta.—Per *Orus*, on Thursday, the 26th instant, at 11.00 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Fookiang*, on Thursday, the 26th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Borimida*, on Friday, the 27th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Tanjore*, on Saturday, the 28th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Yokohama and San Francisco.—Per *City of Sydney*, on Wednesday, the 2nd May, at 3.30 P.M.

For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Tatung*, on Thursday, the 2nd May, at 3.30 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—Per *Hydaspis*, on Monday, the 7th May, at 5.00 P.M.

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Orus* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 26th inst., with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Bat











**SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER.**

## Mails.

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,  
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,  
MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR,  
BRINDISI, VENICE, AND  
LONDON;  
ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND  
AUSTRALIA.

**N.B.**—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

**THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "VENETIA,"** Captain F. J. Cole, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th April, at DAYLIGHT.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 2 P.M., on the day before sailing.

Tea, Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; and General Cargo at Bombay, arriving one week later than by the

For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hong-kong.

Black Bills of Lading.

E. L. WOODIN,  
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, 12th April, 1888.

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**OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY.**

**TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO  
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,  
MEXICO,  
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND  
EUROPE;**

**VIA  
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.**

## THE Steamship

**" OCEANIC "**

will be despatched for San Francisco, *via* Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 10th May, at 10.30 A.M.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

**ALL PARCEL PACKAGES** should be marked to address in full, and the same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

**First-class Fares granted as follows**—

To San Francisco.....	\$200.00
To San Francisco and return, available for 6 months.....	350.00
To Liverpool.....	325.00
To London.....	320.00

To other European Ports at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does*

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-

lined to Points beyond San Francisco, to the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1888.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC LINE.

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STATES AND EUROPE,  
VIA  
THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

AND OTHER CONNECTING  
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**T**he British Steamship  
"BATAVIA"  
2,650 Tons Register, Watton, Commander  
will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C.  
KORE and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the  
20th May at 12 P.M. P.M.  
and will be followed by "Steamer" .....  
on the 1st June & "PARTHIA" on the 21st June.  
Connection will be made at Yokohama with  
Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and  
at Vancouver with Pacific Coast Points by the  
regular Steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship  
Company and other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,  
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines  
of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—  
To Vancouver and Victoria.....(Mex.)\$160.00  
To San Francisco.....\$75.00  
To the European Points in Canada.....200.00  
and the United States.....  
To Liverpool.....350.00  
To London.....300.00  
To other European Points at proportionate  
rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers  
of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the  
Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be  
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Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined  
to Points in the United States, should be  
sent to the Company's Office, addressed to

Mr. D. L. BROWN, District Freight Agent  
Vancouver, B.C.  
Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M.

14	<p>On the 6th May.</p> <p>All Parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full, and same will be received by our uniting P.M. the day previous to sailing.</p> <p>For information as to Passage or Freight apply to</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ADAMSON, BELL &amp; Co.,</b> Agents.</p>	15
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